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CODEL GILMAN

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TAGS: PINS, OREP (GILMAN, BENJAMIN A.), MZ, WZ

SUBJECT: CASE OF MIRON MARCUS

REF: STATE 101491

1. GIVEN RECENT UNREST IN EASTERN BORDER AREAS AND GOS SENSITIVITY ABOUT USG INTEREST IN MOZAMBICAN REFUGEES, I WAS AWARE THAT GOS WOULD BE CRITICAL OF UNANNOUNCED QUICKIE CODEL VISIT TO GOBA BORDER POINT. I THEREFORE INFORMED PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (ACTING ALSO AS SECRETARY TO CABINET) ON APRIL 20 THAT GILMAN WOULD ARRIVE SUNDAY FOR SEVERAL-HOUR VISIT IN ORDER TO BE PRESENT ON OCCASION OF AN ISRAELI CITIZEN'S ENTRY INTO SWAZILAND FROM MOZAMBIQUE. I AVOIDED DETAILS OF IRAELI'S RELEASE AND, OF COURSE, ANYTHING RELATED TO OVERALL SWAP.

2. PERMSEC EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS INFO, SAYING GOS WOULD HAVE BEEN SURPISED (READ SUSPICIOUS) IF IT HAD LEARNED OF CODEL VISIT TO GOBA AFTER THE FACT, EVEN THOUGH CODEL WAS NOT REQUESTING OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS DURING THE VISIT. HE INSISTED CONFIDENTIAL

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ON INFO CONCERNING MODE OF TRAVEL AND TIMING SOON AS AVAILABLE.

3. FOR MAPUTO: BASED ON TELECON INFO FROM CONTROL OFFICER/BRENNAN AT AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG, PRIVATE PLANE CARRYING CODEL WILL ARRIVE SITEKI ABOUT 1150 ON SUNDAY MORNING, WHICH MEANS ARRIVAL BY CAR AT GOBA ABOUT 1215. DOES THIS MEAN THAT GPRM HAS DECIDED THAT RELEASE WILL TAKE PLACE ABOUT NOON ON SUNDAY?

4. FOR TEL AVIV: FYI, ISRAELI AMBASSADOR GAVISH VOLUNTEERED TO ME THIS MORNING THAT, UNLESS HE RECEIVES INSTRUCTION FROM HIS FOREIGN OFFICE ON THIS SUBJECT, HE WOULD PROBABLY NOT TAKE ANY ACTION RELATED TO MARCUS CASE. WACHOB

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